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## NOTES AND NEWS

THE *Athenæum* of December 14 contains the following account of the system for sociological study adopted by M. van Overbergh in his recently published treatise on the Bangala people: "In the *Athenæum* of April 6th reference was made to the project for codifying our knowledge on sociology put forward by M. Cyrille van Overbergh, principal secretary in the new Science and Arts Department in Brussels. M. van Overbergh now gives the first practical proof of the value of his own system in an elaborate treatise dealing with the Bangala people, who represent the most advanced of the Congolese races. The author explains the system he has adopted. In the first place, a complete collection of books, pamphlets, magazines, and articles containing references to the Bangalas has been listed in correct bibliographical form. This having been done, extracts were made setting forth each particular fact on a separate slip, and then these passages were grouped in the order prescribed under the two hundred and two headings in the interrogatory of the Belgian Sociological Society. The passages were then submitted to critical examination for the elimination of repetitions, and for the selection of the most complete statement on any given point or detail. The results were then submitted

for the revision of officials and explorers who had lived among the Bangalas, and also to a few specialists who, although they had not resided in the territory, had studied the subject from one standpoint or another. The result is an authoritative study of the Bangala people in all their social habits, as well as with regard to their present conditions, and moral development through contact with Europeans. By the arrangement adopted the student can find all the available information and the surest conditions with regard to any feature or fact in the Bangala social system. But the special merit of M. van Overbergh's treatment is that, copious as are the details supplied, more are invited from any quarter, and they can easily be added, for each page of the volume is perforated and easily detachable. Each page, moreover, can be purchased at the cost of a penny. As the author says in his preface: 'The work thus may be rendered continuously more perfect; it appeals to all disposed to help; it gives the maximum of help to those desirous of publishing their observations; it reduces the chance of error. Undoubtedly the task is a heavy one . . . it calls for collaboration.'"

THE publishers of the *Hibbert Journal* promise various articles likely to interest students of philosophy. Mr. Jacks, the editor, continues the article begun in the last issue, there entitled "The Universe a Philosopher." The forthcoming number will be entitled "The Alchemy of Thought." Father Tyrrell writes on "The Prospects of Modernism," contrasting modern sympathies and points of view with the medieval habits of mind inculcated in those institutions of "organized ignorance," the Roman Catholic seminaries. Professor G. A. Coe has an article on "The Sources of the Mystical Revelation," and Mrs. Stuart Ware writes on "The Magic and Mysticism of To-day."

THE *Harvard Theological Review,* a quarterly, issued by the faculty of divinity in Harvard University and published by the Macmillan Co., starts its career with the beginning of 1908. The first number contains articles by Francis G. Peabody, Arthur C. McGiffert, William Adams Brown, Benjamin W. Bacon, David G. Lyon, Thomas N. Carver, and Charles F. Dole. There are one hundred and twenty-five pages of text.

"Varieties of Religious Experience" has been translated into German by Dr. Georg Wobbermin, professor of theology at Breslau. The title in German is "Die Religiöse Erfahrung in ihrer Mannigfaltigkeit."

PROFESSOR E. B. TITCHENER, of Cornell University, has been appointed non-resident lecturer in psychology at Columbia University.

THE death is announced of Victor Brochard, contributor to the *Revue Philosophique* and author of "Sceptiques Grecs."